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Re: Docket No. 2007-286-WS: Application of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc.  
for Adjustment of Rates and Charges and Modifications to Certain Terms and Conditions  
for the Provision of Water and Sewer Service.

Dear counsel:

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-260, I am placing on the record an inadvertent ex parte communication made in an email sent by William Richardson, an employee of the Commission, to Bruce Haas, an employee of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. in connection with the above referenced case. This communication came to my attention on November 15, 2007. A copy of the email is attached to this letter. The law allows any party who desires to rebut the contents of this communication to request an opportunity to do so within ten (10) days of receipt of this notice. The Commission will grant any such request upon receipt.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,  
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles L. A. Terreni", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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Enclosure (as stated)  
cc: The Honorable G. O'Neal Hamilton

**Bruce Haas**

**From:** Richardson, William [William.Richardson@psc.sc.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 14, 2007 4:25 PM  
**To:** b.t.haas@utilitiesinc-usa.com  
**Subject:** ?

Mr. Bruce, would you explain to me what the residents at the public hearing in Anderson was talking about when several of them talked about the water distribution supply fee that west Anderson is charging the company and passing thru to the customers??? Melanie Wilson referenced the \$14.39 + \$2.24 distribution fee + \$2.24 district water fee... what up with that??

I am familiar with the water distribution charge (commodity charge) of \$2.24 approved in the last order, and the \$14.39 bfc

Can you break down the bill on Peter Kratz at 804 Yates Circle where he stated he had a \$168.84 water bill and a \$174.48 district water supply fee. I am thinking the \$168.84 is the bfc and distribution charge and the \$174.48 is the commodity charge at \$3.75/k. Apparently Chad's explanation wasn't too good., How did the bill get to \$518.96? deposit?

This is off the record.

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